



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

OZAKI, Takashi, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1763

Serial No.: 10/528,137

Examiner: **Sylvia MacArthur**

Filed: December 12, 2005

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 2307

For: **SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED July 18, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 27, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated **July 18, 2007**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species I. Claims 1-8 and 18-20 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

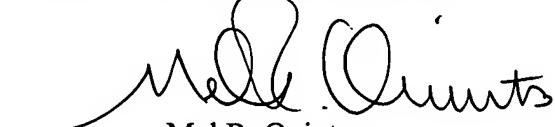
The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims 1-8 and 18-20 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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